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Minutes of the Richmond Heritage Commission Meeting Held at the Vets Hall,
March 18, 2015 at 3:30 pm.

Attending: Carol Jameson (Chair), Sandy Laughner, Susan Roney, Bob Weekes (Sec'y), Bonnie McCarthy (Alternate).

Absent: Hank Hallas

Plans for a repeat presentation of "The Changing Face of Richmond" were discussed. Venue for this event has been changed from the Richmond Public Library to the larger Vets Hall due to public response. Bonnie, Susie, Wendy O'Brien, Jan Weekes and Ronna Rajaniemi will again contribute bakings. Sandy, John Boccalini and Bob will handle room setup. John B. will video the presentation for the Town Archives. All shared the positive comments received from those attending our first presentation, including offers by residents willing to volunteer their labor and even contribute financially toward the restoration of the the Tramp House. Bonnie and Carol reported on the enthusiastic response we have received from residents and others who have signed our petition and written letters in support of our grant application. With offers of financial support coming in, the Commission discussed the need to appoint a Treasurer to keep track of donations and possible donors. Also noted was voters' approval of the amendment at Town Meeting raising the appropriation for the Heritage Commission from \$100 to \$500

Carol and Bob gave an update on Commission activities pertaining to our application for a State Moose Plate Grant. These included a meeting with Sharon Monahan, a state wetlands scientist (attended by Carol, Bob and Jeff Taylor, Chairman of Richmond's Conservation Commission); our application to the State applying for eligibility for the Tramp House on the State Registry of Historic Places; and application for the Moose Grant itself. The latter two applications require extensive background work and are being handled by Carol, Bonnie and Bob. We expect to complete and send this paperwork to the State within the next two weeks.

Carol's research on the internet turned up a blurb on NH tramp houses from the president of an historical society in the southeastern section of the state. Bob will contact this person to see if we can share information.

Carol updated the Commissioners on plans to create a Landscaping Committee. Volunteers are coming forward and a notice seeking more will appear in the April Rooster. This group will develop the plans and handle plantings at the new Town Well/Memorial Watering Trough mini-park and also the Vets Hall. Carol has already secured the help of Marc Hudson of The Inspired Gardner in Westmoreland. Marc will volunteer consulting time and will sell us plants at his cost.

Members also discussed a variety of other targets on the Commission's active agenda of historic preservation and presentation, building our portfolio of information on each as we go forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Bob Weekes
Secretary